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# Advisory Circular

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**Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY:  
CHANGES TO PRACTICAL TEST STANDARDS**

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**Change:**

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**1. PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces accessibility to changes to the practical test standards. These changes are available electronically through FedWorld.

**2. BACKGROUND.** Current technology allows immediate changes to the practical test standards as appropriate and necessary. The ability to issue changes prior to publishing revised printed copies ensures the practical test standards are always accurate and usable.

**3. INFORMATION.**

**a.** Changes to the practical test standards will first be accessible through FedWorld and then be incorporated in the next printed revision of the practical test standards. For immediate access to the changes, practical test standards can be downloaded from FedWorld through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The listing of Flight Standards Service airman information maintained in the FedWorld Information System is available by downloading the file CERT\_LST in the FAA-ATT Library. This listing can be used to monitor changes to the practical test standards. Refer to AC 60-26, Announcement of Availability: Flight Standards Service Airman Testing and Training Information, for further information concerning FedWorld access.

**b.** Changes to the practical test standards accessible through FedWorld are identified by the appropriate change number and date on the cover page and on the affected page(s). Changes are further identified by block lines in the margin adjacent to the text changed. Changes to the practical test standards will be valid testing items within 30 days after the date entered. District offices are notified of these changes through automated mail.

**c.** Recent changes were incorporated into FAA-S-8081-5B, Airline Transport Pilot and/or Type Rating Practical Test Standards for Airplane/Helicopter, due to issues concerning specific aircraft; and FAA-S-8081-16, Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Rotorcraft (Helicopter/ Gyroplane), to correct prerequisite and testing requirements.

**4. RESPONSIBILITY.** The Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600, is the prime office of responsibility for the airman information located in the FAA-ATT Library, and will ensure the information maintained is timely and accurate.

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